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## Nov. 5 Sample Ballots All Mailed; Voters Begin Study Of 17 Measures

Sample ballots for the Nov. 5 election are all in the mail, Registrar of Voters M. J. Donoghue announced yesterday, and most Torrance and Lomita residents should have received them by the end of the week.

## GI Loan Seekers Advised To File Eligibility Form

Veterans planning to purchase property under the California Farm and Home Purchase Act may save time by filing in advance an application to establish eligibility, Edward J. Neron, deputy director of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, announced yesterday.

Neron explained that once eligibility is established, property which the veteran desires to purchase can be submitted for immediate appraisal without necessity of determining whether the applicant is qualified as a California veteran. Processing of the preliminary application normally takes about a week.

Approximately 25,000 farms and homes have been purchased for veterans of the world wars under self-liquidating bond issues totaling \$110,000,000 which were approved by the people in five separate elections during the past 25 years.

An additional \$100,000,000 bond issue will come before the people at the Nov. 5 general election as Proposition No. 1.

Preliminary applications have been filed by approximately 75,000 World War II veterans. Possibly triple that number are expected when home building gets in full swing, and the premium market on used houses begins to subside, Neron said.

Application forms (DVA-1) may be obtained from offices of the department, or from county veterans service offices. Locations of offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs are as follows:

Sacramento—2020 N. St. (P.O. Box 1809, zone 7); Los Angeles—140 State Bldg. (zone 19); and Long Beach—2012 Hearwell Bldg.

## NOTICE TO DRILL NEW OIL WELL IN TORRANCE FILED

Harold C. Martin filed notice last week to drill a new oil well in the Torrance field, according to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas.

The new well, Carson No. 22, will be in section five, township 4S, range 14W.

Notice to redrill the March No. 1 well here was filed by H. S. Kohlbusch. This well is located in section 24, township 4S, range 14W.

Notice to drill new wells in the state this year have totalled 1452, as compared to 1788 at the same date last year.

## Air Mail Use Reaches New Record—Conner

Air mail volume at the Torrance post office has reached a new high during National Air Mail Week, Postmaster C. Earl Conner announced today.

Postmaster Conner's report came as postal employees' groups undertook a city-wide promotion of the campaign.

The five-cent air mail rate was approved by Congress upon the Post Office department's request. The department contended that commerce would be fostered by making available rapid air mail service at reduced cost and a wider use of air mail would reduce the unit cost of delivery.

Carriers, clerks and other employees at the post office have joined in an active educational campaign.

"Postal employees are in more frequent contact with the people than any other government employees," said Postmaster Conner. They have promised, first, to suggest wider use of air mail during this week, and second to bring the news of the reduced rate to more of our patrons. The rate is five cents to United States territory wherever located, to United States Servicemen and to Canada and Mexico.

## Caldwell Backs Farm And Home Surety Program

Passage of a Federal life insurance farm and home purchase program, similar to the California State law now in operation, was advocated this week by J. G. Caldwell, head of the Torrance Veterans Service center.

"We always advise veterans to get in on the program when they consult us on homes," Caldwell said. "It means that if they should die before completing payments, these will be taken care of no matter how large the balance."

Insurance provided under the program has paid off contracts totaling \$2,754,000 for surviving heirs of 910 veterans who have died before completing their payments for property purchased under the state plan, the State of California Department of Veterans Affairs announced recently.

J. Marvin Russell, manager of the division of farm and home purchases, reported that the insurance payments have averaged \$3,028.

The insurance, written by two large California companies under a group protection plan, is provided at a flat rate of 70 cents per month for each \$1,000 of unpaid balance.

More than 25,000 veterans have obtained farms or homes under the state purchase program, which was inaugurated in 1921 and was extended to World War II veterans in 1943.

Proposition No. 1 on the November 5 ballot authorizes an additional \$100,000,000 bond issue to extend low cost state financing to additional thousands of veterans. The bonds are retired through repayment of veterans' contracts at no cost to the taxpayers.

In addition to the usual list of candidates for U. S. Senator, Governor, Congressman and other state and county officials, these ballots will contain 17 propositions, including 14 constitutional amendments, referred to the decision of the voters. They are:

No. 1: A \$100,000,000 bond issue for veterans' farm and home loans.

No. 2: Would permit state-supervised greyhound racing with one-third of the "take" going for veterans' relief and rehabilitation.

No. 3: Guarantees teachers minimum annual salary of \$2400 and raises state subsidy on schools to \$120 per student.

No. 4: Provides for business loans to veterans.

No. 5: Creates a state court of tax appeals.

No. 6: Provides for annual sessions of the legislature.

No. 7: Provides for election rather than appointment of the County Board of Education members in charter counties.

No. 8: Establishes qualifications for county superintendents of schools.

No. 9: Provides for appointment of one new deputy superintendent of public instruction and three associate superintendents by the State Board of Education.

No. 10: Permits the legislature to raise the governor's salary above the present \$10,000 maximum.

No. 11: Requires that no job applicant or employee be discriminated against because of religion, race or national origin.

No. 12: Gives the legislature the power to amend or repeal laws created by initiative.

No. 13: Freezes state allocation of funds to schools at present rates.

No. 14: Provides for succession to the office of governor.

No. 15: Establishes validity of alien land laws.

No. 16: Repeals the educational poll tax law.

No. 17: Changes the name of the railroad commission to "Public Utilities Commission."

## Local Landlord Hit By OPA Rent Lawsuit

Paul Smith, landlord of rental property at 2259 West Carson st., Torrance, was at odds with the Office of Price Administration today following the filing by the federal agency in Inglewood Justice Court of a suit seeking judgment of \$488.00 against the man.

Complaint in the action, prepared by Samuel B. Steinbach, OPA rent enforcement attorney, charges Smith with collecting \$30 per month from two tenants for occupancy of units at the above address while the legal ceiling was but \$12 for a 30-day period.

As a result, the suit contends, tenants Albert Quella and Walter Pittenger were assessed overcharges aggregating \$162, and damages sought on behalf of the government amount to three times that sum.

## Steel Workers' President Named To Policy Group

At a regional convention of United Steel Workers of America, CIO, held last week in Seattle, President Alexander McJannett of Torrance Local 1414 was elected one of six delegates to the union's National Wage and Policy Committee.

The convention, dealing chiefly with problems of wage inequalities, back pay and new contract negotiations, drew delegates from throughout District 38, which covers the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Colorado.

Besides McJannett, Local 1414 was represented at the convention by PAC director, Walter Smith, Financial Secretary Donald Wald, Chief Steward Dave Barrett and Donald Hamilton. The Torrance local is composed of 1,100 Columbia Steel Co. employees.



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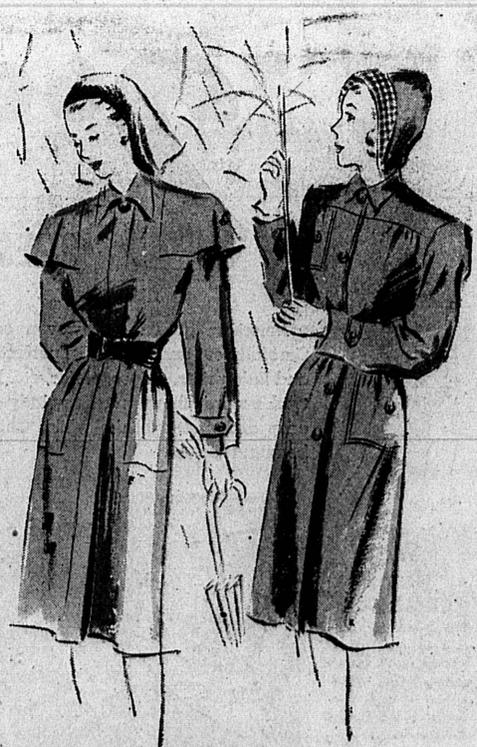
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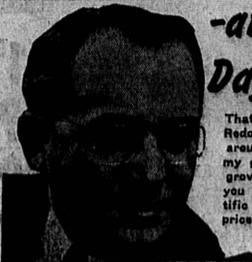
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